



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3781**  
Eiichi ISHII et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1290  
Serial No. 10/659,327 : Group Art Unit 1742  
Filed September 11, 2003 : Examiner Harry Wilkins, III  
METHOD OF SURFACE  
TREATMENT OF TITANIUM METAL : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 24, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: